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Announcements To-Date.
NATIONAL THEATRE—Equipe Theatre.
DRURY LANE—Equipe Theatre.
THEATRE COMIQUE—Variety.
ANDERSON'S—Variety.

The Republicans will attack Mr. Dan-
dell. Do not allow this fact to slip your
mind.

The labor troubles in Pittsburg are
very serious, and the outlook is gloomy
enough.

The fusion in Maine doesn't appear to
be fusing this year with the customary
facility.

The majority will rule in the House of
Representatives if it cannot in South
Carolina.

As is usual on Friday, there were sev-
eral deaths yesterday occasioned by the
falling of scaffolds.

The breeze in the House yesterday was
not harmful. It merely demonstrated the
surplus vitality of the Republicans.

Abraham Brey's temper is truly awful.
Egypt has seen no such display of un-
seemly passion since Mrs. Potpourri tore
off Joseph's coat-tail.

The Greenback party of Delaware was
able to show five delegates in State con-
vention assembled. Quite a large crowd,
considering the diminutive size of the
State.

The obelisk in Central Park is begin-
ning to crumble, and the country rises up
to inquire if this is a result of the change
of weight at the New York custom-
house.

Those who claim equality for the sexes
must face the stubborn fact that of the
one hundred and two Derbys that have
been decided only three have been won
by fillies.

Professor Jackson discovered an im-
mense spot on the face of the moon.
We know there must be blood on that
orb before those New York duellists
finished their work.

When the Princess Louise comes back
to the Kanaks, is there not room for a
hope that Vennor, getting his heart
warmed in the smile of royalty, will let
us off in the matter of that June frost?

Although the products of the manu-
facturing establishments of this city are
set down at \$11,041.85, this does not in-
clude the "mashies" made here. The
National Capital is the headquarters of
this industry.

The Landgrave of Hesse is not so for-
tunate as we had been permitted to hope.
His son and heir was nominated for the
lucrative position of son-in-law to Queen
Victoria, but that nomination is not go-
ing to be confirmed.

If the results attained at the Hampton
Normal Institute may be accepted as a
fair basis for a general estimate, the
expense of teaching a young Indian to earn
a living by honest work is far less than
the cost of killing an Indian warrior.

The most palpable admission that the
"Malley boys" could make of the ex-
treme gravity of their case appears in
the fact that they and their friends deem
seven lawyers necessary for their defense.
Rarely, if ever, is innocence driven to
such a resort.

Although the people of France have
little reason to love the ex-Empress
Eugenie, there was no occasion for the
Lyonese to insult the sadly bereaved
widow by hurrying her to the guillotine
as she visited their city a few days ago. It
was a most unusual and repulsive ex-
hibition for a country supposed to be the
world's headquarters for politeness.

The speech of J. H. VanAuken on Vir-
ginia affairs, which we publish in this
morning's REPUBLICAN, will be found full
of interesting truths, clearly and forcibly
presented. Mr. VanAuken is an able,
earnest, and eloquent speaker, a stalwart
Republican, and an enthusiastic Confed-
erist. He has rendered great service to
the Liberal cause in Virginia, having been a
wheel-horse in bringing about the coalition
between Republican and Democratic
Readjusters. He is a man of Northern
birth, and has lived to see that his re-
moval to Virginia years ago was not "A
Fool's Errand."

Reports from rural Massachusetts indi-
cate less than half an average crop of
huckleberries. We do not understand
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trouble. He missed an editor at whom he
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Virginia Still Leads.

In the Virginia local elections held on
Thursday there were present the usual
features of such contests. Personal friend-
ships and aversions, issues belonging to
the community and to neighborhoods, and
nowise affecting either State or national
politics, usually control local elections.
These influences were felt in the recent
Virginia elections in the usual way,
though in a few localities a larger signifi-
cance belongs to the results.

In Richmond there was no contest, the
Readjusters declining a hopeless fight for
municipal control, just as the Democrats
used to do in the old days when Rich-
mond boasted itself to be the very
"Gibraltar of Whiggism." At Peters-
burg, at Lynchburg, and at Norfolk the
conditions were different, and familiarity
with the Virginia situation easily dis-
covers the reason of the obstinate con-
tests in these cities, and the significance
of the results. Lynchburg and Peters-
burg are the homes respectively of Major
Daniel, late Democratic candidate for
governor, and of Governor Cameron. By
a singular coincidence each gave the
townsman a majority of 980
votes last November. Petersburg was
splendidly organized by both sides
during the gubernatorial fight, while in
Lynchburg the Bourbons only were or-
ganized. At the municipal election on
Thursday a better organization and coalition
of the anti-Bourbon forces in Lynch-
burg reduced Major Daniel's handsome
majority of nearly a thousand to a little
over two hundred. There can be no
mistaking the significance of the Lynch-
burg contest. It was made distinctively
upon national issues; the "color line"
was frantically urged by the
local Bourbon press; the stock cam-
paigns upon Mahone were reiterated;
Lynchburg was implored to con-
demn the coalition of Republicans and
Readjusters, and to condemn the Read-
justers and their leaders for supporting
Arthur's administration. As the result,
Mahone and the Arthur administration
came very near capturing Lynchburg,
and there is little doubt of the speedy
accession to Liberal political principles
of a community which has heretofore
been a citadel of Bourbonism, and which
is the home of one of its most gallant
and eloquent apostles—its late candidate
for governor.

While Lynchburg almost surrenders to
the first serious attempt to carry it against
Bourbonism, Petersburg, the home of
Cameron, repeats its November verdict
for Liberalism by a sweeping Readjuster
victory, after a contest of great vitality,
and, under local surroundings, giving the
Bourbons a better chance than they will
ever have again in the gallant "Cockade
City." In Norfolk the contest ended in
a drawn battle. Save in Lynch-
burg, nowhere else were the Bour-
bon methods more viciously employed.
Race prejudice was the staple argument,
and in the local press were declarations
every day intended to make available
that sentiment which has heretofore
impelled the Southern white man to keep
the negro in political bondage. Such ut-
terances will make fine reading for Re-
publican orators before Northern audi-
ences two years hence, when Bourbon or-
nators are protesting that their brethren in
the South "freely accord to the negro all
his political and civil rights." When
will it dawn upon the Bourbon mind that
political thuggism towards the negro can-
not be practiced in municipal and State
elections and be atoned for by hypocrit-
cal rhetorical platitudes in the platforms
of national conventions?

It was characteristic of Bourbonism,
and illustrative of its "grand despair" in
Virginia, to bring on a general engage-
ment upon such a skirmish line as these
local elections at points where failure
would make all the world see its de-
perate condition. To risk the loss of
Major Daniel's home had in it much of
the perilous folly. But what of the phenom-
enal folly of the attack on Petersburg,
the Readjuster Malakoff? And it was made
with a nerve that could have been in-
spired only by a sincere belief that
Petersburg might capitulate. In the re-
sult at Petersburg more than in the
result at any other locality will the
country read the doom of Virginia
Bourbonism at the fall elections. Coalition
among the masses whose votes are
necessary to make it successful is com-
plete. It wins against the most desper-
ate assaults of Bourbonism in the com-
munity where reside Senator Mahone,
Governor Cameron, and Colonel Brady,
who, as chairman of the Republican State
Executive Committee, has been the valiant
and efficient promoter of coalition.

That the result of the November elec-
tion in Virginia forever divorced the
Old Dominion from Bourbon and un-
American political fellowship ought to
have been an obvious fact to every-
body. Bourbons alone refused to see it in
that light, as they always refuse to see phi-
losophy in events. They could not see that
they courted self-destruction when they
made their brutal and stupid assaults
upon Mahone last spring. Not even
when the old-time Democratic strong-
holds of the valley and the Southwest
swept Cameron into the governorship
and Riddleberger into the Senate, could
they see that they had been overtaken
by a deluge. Forgetful that on every
stump last year Readjuster orators
proclaimed as an issue Mahone's
co-operation with the Republicans in the
Senate, and that the people indorsed it
overwhelmingly at the polls, Bourbons
dream now of desertions from the Read-
juster ranks because of Mahone's pro-
claimed purpose to co-operate with the
administration. Even Massey and the
"Big Four" gave them comfort for a
while. Will the results at Petersburg,
Norfolk, and Lynchburg awaken them to
the spirit of the times they live in? No,
indeed. They will "cackle on" as the
"little woman" did. They will prate of
"Bossism," of "Dr. Tebbis," of "Burgins
with Radicals and Stalwarts," and con-
tinue to retail to a wearied world all
their stale tattle; meanwhile Mahone
and Liberalism move on with an almost
undisturbed march of numerous and
consecutive triumphs.

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THE BOSS SYSTEM.

We hear a great deal in these days of
the boss system. This is a dishonest
blackguard phrase, intended to create
prejudice against and jealousy of every
recognized party leader. The men who
use it know very well that leader-
ship is the result of popular election.

They know that the masses of a party
gravitate toward the support of a man or
of several men who seem to them most
capable of giving direction to party or-
ganization. They try to exercise influ-
ence themselves upon the action of the
party, and thrust themselves forward
for honor, but the voters of the
party do not want them. Then they
cry out that the very people
who snubbed them are being cheated by
bosses. The voters no sooner select a
leader than the weak and influential
fellow, whose egotism prompted them to
enter the race, but who have been
contemptuously set aside by the ma-
jority, cry out that a "boss" has arisen
and is running a "machine." The news-
paper press has connected with it many
who delight to coin phrases like these.
They are men who have no influence
in their communities, and they hate any-
body who has. They insult the people
by insulting their leaders. How can a
man lead if he has not followers? How
can he exercise influence if others do
not take his advice? Why should it be
cause for bitter denunciation of a man
that his counsel is honored, his ability
admired, and his leadership acknowl-
edged?

Worcester defines the word Boss as
used in the United States to mean "a
master, or master workman among me-
chanics; an employer of mechanics or
laborers." He defines it as used in Eng-
land to mean "a master, or master work-
man among mechanics; an employer of
mechanics or laborers." It is a political
designation given to William M. Tweed,
the former Democratic leader of New
York, by the "boy" element, who re-
cognized his word as their law in Dem-
ocratic politics. When his downfall
came the word "boss" was taken up as
a reproachful epithet, to be hurled
at any leader in politics by those
who could not take his following
away from him. But of course only the
frothiest of demagogues have applied it to
men of high character and real claim to
popular respect. Public journals of the
user sort, edited by cockneys, cranks,
deadbeats, and Bohemians, have adopted
a vocabulary in which "boss" and "ma-
chine," and "ring" are the principal
words. Many of these blackguards have
been given a university training, which
gives them and others an exaggerated
idea of the value of their opinions. Con-
sider that he is educated is entitled to no
consideration than when ignorant. Malig-
nity enveloped in aestheticism is as foul
as when scowling from under the ban-
dits' hat. Base stabs at character are
as criminal when couched in the fine
phrases of our average sham reformer as
when given from the witness stand in
court by a hired perjurer. The air in our
time is murky with the vapors of the
basest of creatures solely bent on evil,
while pretending to a monopoly of virtue.
The public ear is now being vexed with
a constant stream of abuse from these vile
sources of all who choose to think well
of President Arthur. He is a "boss," and
all who do not traduce him are for
"the boss system."

If to be an honored and successful
leader is to be a "boss" worthy of reproba-
tion, let us commence to rewrite history,
and anathematize Boss Jay, Boss Seward,
Boss Webster, Boss Cass, Boss
Benton, Boss Calhoun, Boss Wright, and
Boss Marcy. If Republican politics have
been corrupted by a boss system, let us
blot out our eulogies of those of
their great leaders who are dead, and bor-
rowing the elegant phrases of the modern
essayists, wrathfully denounce Boss
Fessenden, Boss Sumner, Boss Chase,
Boss Wade, Boss Collamer, Boss Buck-
ingham, Boss Stevens, Boss Morton, and
Boss Chandler, each of whom had in
his day to encounter the same class of
enemies as are these who now hate the
men they cannot destroy.

If we are to abolish the boss system
and have a general slaughter of leaders
why stop at Boss Cameron? Why not
on with the good work and denounce
Boss Mitchell, Boss Sherman, Boss Har-
rison, Boss Logan, Boss—all the other
Senators? Why leave a boss alive to tell
the tale? If a headless party is the
strongest way leave for Vermont a
Boss Edmunds, for Connecticut a Boss
Hawley, for New Hampshire a Boss Rollins,
for Rhode Island a Boss Anthony, for Maine
a Boss Blaine, or for Massachusetts a Boss
Hoar? Let us shoot our captains to
gratify the camp-followers. This is the
proposition of the newspaper generalis-
t—the men who undertook to make Horace
Greeley President. Shall we doubt their
wisdom?

A NEWSBOY writes to THE REPUBLICAN
that he supports his aged mother, and by
selling newspapers; that Sunday is his best
day; that he does not make half so good
and unnecessary a noise as a good many
ministers make in their pulpits; that his
profits are very small as compared with
the Sunday earnings of the preachers; that
he believes that they are good men, try-
ing to do their duty, and although he is
frequently disturbed by one of them
whose church is close to his mother's
house, he has never complained to the
Commissioners or the police. In con-
clusion, he hopes his occupation will not
be destroyed, for he has no other way of
earning money. "Live and let live," he
says, is his motto.

THERE is a vacant "case" in an Illinois
printing-office. The editor wrote a glow-
ing leader on Decoration Day, urging the
patriotic masses not to forget what is due
to "the memory of dead heroes." The
intelligent compositor caused the fervid
allusion to "the memory of dead heroes."

In the joy of Europe at getting some
millions of gold back again from this side
of the water is half as great as the grief
displayed at parting with it the shipment
of the yellow metal will be productive of
a power of good.

The holy zeal of a Reformer who has
been "left" on three postmasterships
is only exceeded by the holy rage of the
Reformer who has "slipped up" on four.

THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN INDIANA
have served notice on Mr. De Pauw that
they don't intend to lift his plate glass.

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trouble. He missed an editor at whom he
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

JUNO was not an amiable beast when
in London, and for that reason was sold
cheap, but his temper has become more
irritable since he came to "this blasted
country."

GAMBLING is a felony under a new statu-
te of Missouri, but the law is intended
only for the small fry gamblers, who
haven't money enough to set up as
"bulls" or "bears."

If Pinkerton's detectives fail, as they
probably will, in their present noisy hunt
for Frank James, the country will not ex-
tend them to assist for their failure by
blowing up his old mother again with
hand grenades.

We are again assured that "every Span-
iard is animated by a desire to see Gil-
raltar restored to Spain." Many suc-
cessive generations of Spaniards will cease
to be "animated" by anything before that
desire is quenched.

EVERY little Greek has two war vessels
at his disposal, but the law is intended
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BRUTAL AND COWARDLY.

An Attack on the Commissioner of Pen-
itentiaries.

A leading editorial in the Indianapolis
press of the 18th inst. headed "Penitentiaries
and Politics." The article was a virulent
attack upon the private and public character
of Wm. Dudley, our courteous, industrious
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